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SUBJECT: CAMEROON MILITARY EQUIPMENT LIST

REF: A) STATE 193355; B) STATE 205524; C) YAOUNDE 3046

D) YAOUNDE 3058

1. IN YOUR MEETING WITH EBOUA RE EQUIPMENT LIST, YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) IN TERMS OF TOTAL COST, LIST GOES FAR BEYOND WHAT USG COULD EVEN CONSIDER; (B) CERTAIN ITEMS ON LIST, PARTICULARLY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT BUT POSSIBLY OTHERS AS WELL, GO BEYOND WHAT COULD BE JUSTIFIED IN TERMS OF COST AND SECURITY SITUATION.

2. IN ADDITION, FOR PURPOSES OF SEPTEMBER SAPRC MEETING, LIST SHOULD BE ARRANGED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY (PER REF A) AND WITH AN INDICATION OF RATIONALE BEHIND SPECIFIC ITEMS REQUESTED (PER REF B).

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3. AS DEPT HAS NOT YET GIVEN FORMAL CONSIDERATION TO

GURC REQUEST, ABOVE POINTS SHOULD BE PRESENTED AS CHARGE'S PERSONAL REACTION, RATHER THAN STATE DEPT RESPONSE. ENTIRE INTERVIEW SHOULD BE KEPT AS LOW-KEY AS POSSIBLE. (FYI YOU MAY ALSO, PERSONALLY, INQUIRE AS TO NEED FOR TWENTY

THOUSAND RIFLES WHEN TOTAL STRENGTH OF CAMEROON ARMED FORCES -- ACCORDING TO EMBASSY'S FIGURES IN AMB. SPIRO'S 1975 BRIEFING BOOK -- IS ONLY ABOUT 11,000.)

4. RE REF (C) YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MAKE OFFER AT THIS TIME. DEPT BELIEVES FURTHER STUDY NECESSARY BEFORE DECISION MADE ON THIS MATTER. (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS). HABIB

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